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1. (S) This report summarizes imagery-derived information on military activity along the Iraq/Iran border at Tolafarush Search Area A576 ( [ ] Figure 1), Iraq, and the Mehran Search Area ( [ ] Figure 2), Iran, from [ ]

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2. (S/D) Imagery of the Tolafarush Search Area A576 shows major elements of four Iraqi armor battalions and two mechanized infantry battalions deployed as combined arms units, two artillery battalions, and an SA-6 regiment deployed around Khanaqin, Iraq. Some of these units had been advanced to deployed positions immediately adjacent to the Iraq/Iran border between [ ] [ ] Craters observed in the deployment area indicated recent hostilities.

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3. (S/D) On [ ] one tank battalion, one mechanized infantry battalion, two tank companies, one mechanized infantry company, two ZSU-23/4 self-propelled antiaircraft gun batteries, and elements of an artillery battalion were deployed in an area 12 nautical miles (nm) south of Khanaqin, at 34-09-40N 045-18-50E. Two tank companies were deployed along a road south of Khanaqin at 34-12-40N 045-20-30E and 34-17-00N 045-20-50E, respectively. Elements of an artillery battalion were deployed south and southeast of Khanaqin at 34-17-10N 045-26-10E, 34-15-00N 045-22-00E, and 34-19-25N 045-22-40E, respectively. One tank battalion was deployed 3 nm southeast of Khanaqin at 34-15-40N 045-27-40E. One tank battalion was deployed 5 nm northwest of Khanaqin at 34-24-00N 045-18-20E. Elements of an artillery battalion were deployed to the north and northeast of Khanaqin at 34-25-00N 045-17-30E and 34-30-10N 045-23-00E, respectively. An SA-6 regiment, consisting of five batteries, was deployed around Khanaqin at 34-15-10N 045-21-30E, 34-17-00N 045-22-20E, 34-19-20N 045-18-30E, 34-19-40N 045-24-50E, and 34-20-20N 045-23-00E, respectively.

4. (S/D) On [ ] one combined arms mechanized infantry battalion-minus had been deployed 4 nm west of the Iran/Iraq border along a road at 34-18-10N 045-30-00E. Elements of two combined arms battalions were deployed in four groups, within 2 nm of the Iran/Iraq border, along a north-south axis. One SA-6 battery had been relocated from 1 nm southeast of Khanaqin to a point 1 nm northeast of Khanaqin at 34-21-20N 045-22-20E. One tank battalion was deployed 17 nm north of Khanaqin with an SA-6 battery at 34-38-10N 045-22-30E. By [ ] [ ] Iraqi units, reported previously as tank and mechanized infantry units, had been deployed as a combined arms mobile defense force and had been moved into forward positions closer to the Iranian border. Artillery batteries had also been deployed forward in direct support of these combined arms units. These combined arms units consist of from one to two tank platoons supporting from one to two mechanized infantry companies (Figure 1). The deployment of the SA-6 regiment and combined arms units held in reserve has remained basically unchanged since [ ]

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5. (S/D) In the Mehran Search Area (Figure 2), the Iran/Iraqi ground force units have remained essentially unchanged since [ ] however, there were at least 90 new artillery craters and indications of additional tracked-/wheeled-vehicle activity.

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6. (S/D) In Iraq, major elements of a tank battalion, elements of an artillery battalion, and a probable infantry battalion were reported in the vicinity of Bedrah at 33-06-35N 045-54-59E on

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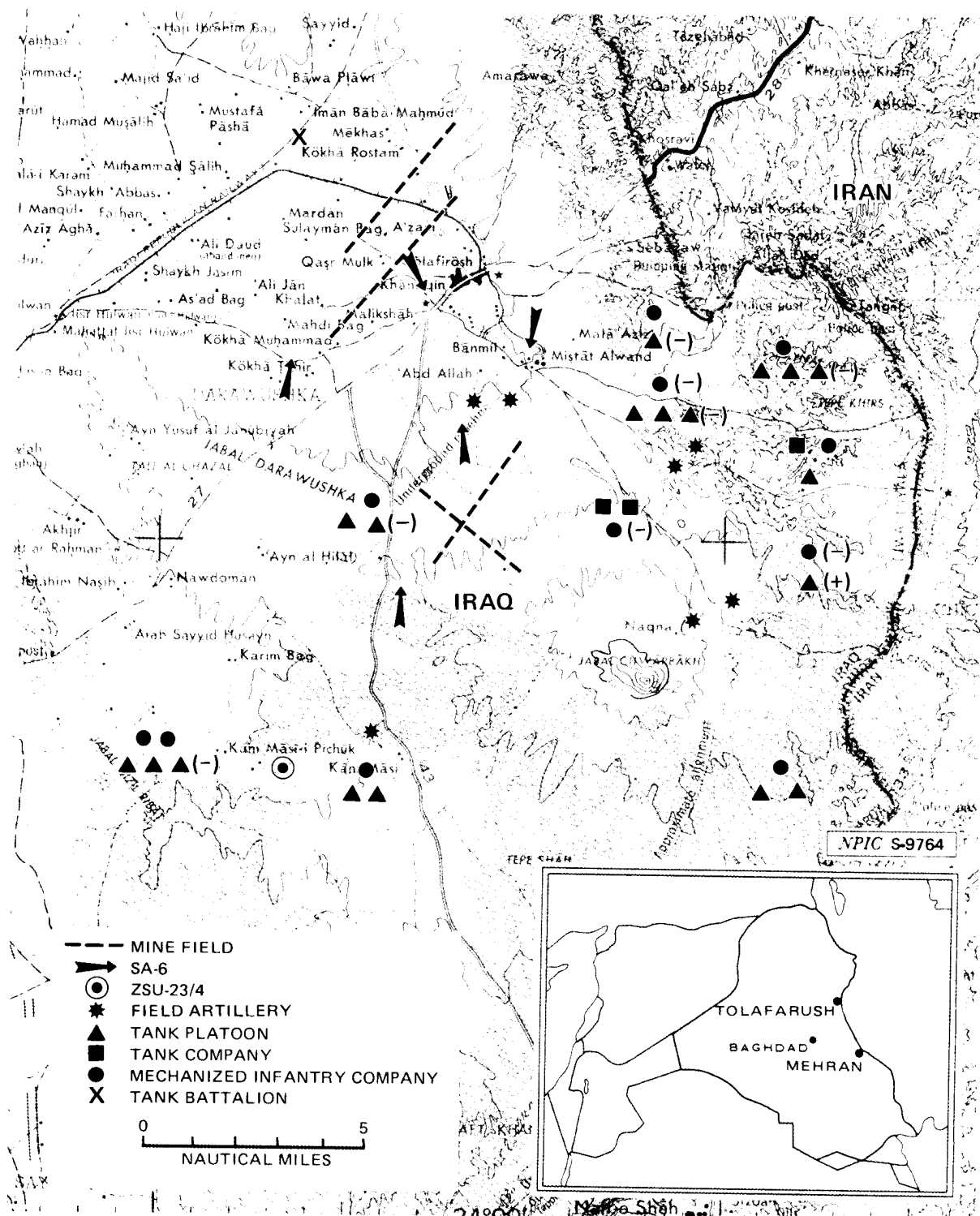


FIGURE 1. TOLAFARUSH SEARCH AREA A576, IRAQ AS OF [REDACTED] (Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers; Joint Operations Graphic, Ground, Series 1501, Sheet NI 38-7, ed 1, Dec 68, scale 1:250,000—UNCLASSIFIED. [REDACTED])

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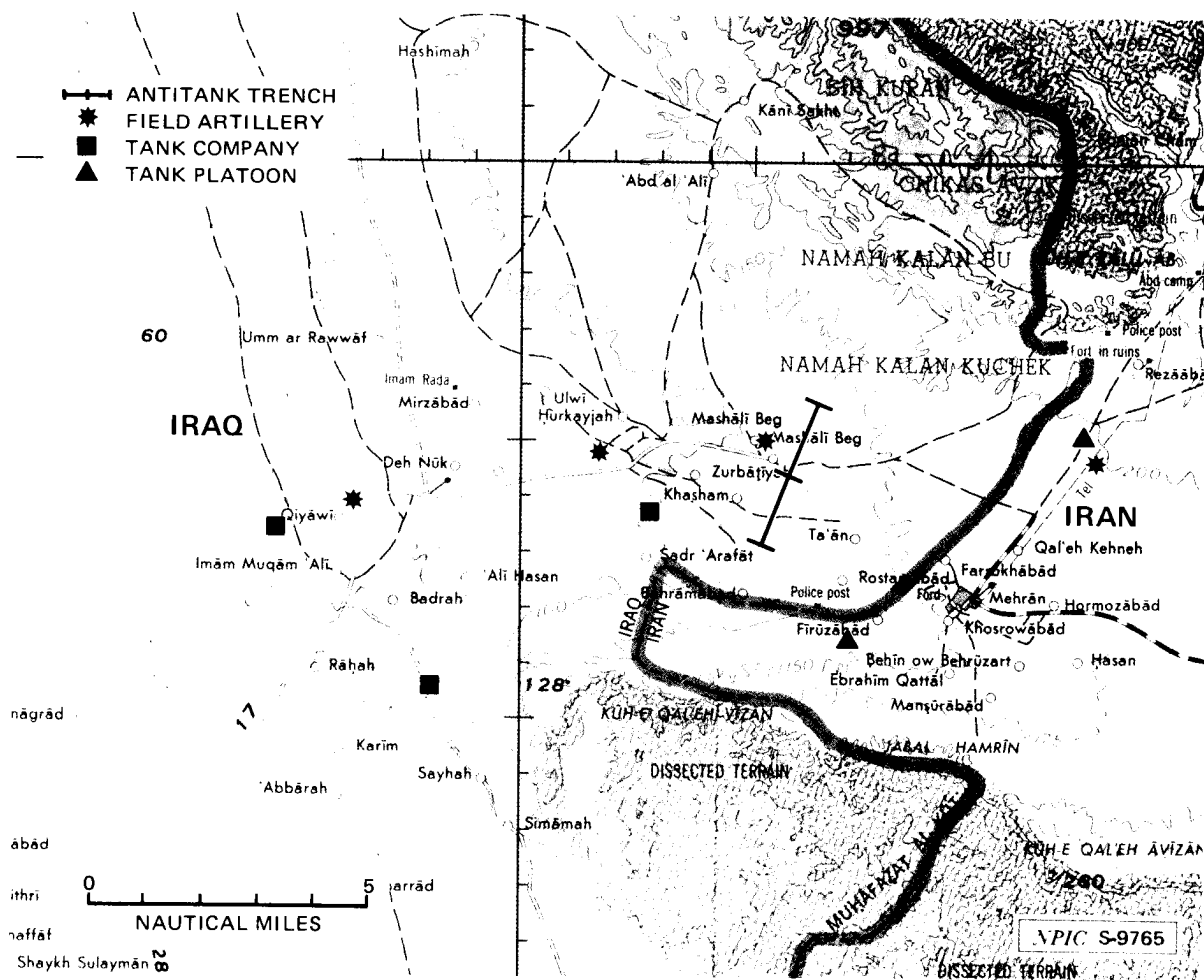


FIGURE 2. MEHRAN SEARCH AREA, IRAN AS OF [REDACTED] (DMA, Joint Operations Graphic, Series 1501, Sheet NI 38-11, ed 2, Jun 74, scale 1:250,000—UNCLASSIFIED, [REDACTED])

imagery from [REDACTED] On limited coverage of [REDACTED] an Iraqi tank company of a previously reported tank battalion was observed 4.5 nm west of Mehran, Iran, at 33-08-40N 046-04-30E. An antitank trench 5 nm long on a northeast/southwest axis was observed immediately east of the tank company. Iraqi forces were concentrated west of this trench. Two artillery batteries were 4.5 nm northwest and 6.8 nm west and northwest of Mehran, at 33-10-00N 046-05-0E and 33-09-10N 046-02-00E, respectively.

7. (S/D) In Iran, an artillery battery and tank platoon were 4.3 nm northeast of Mehran at 33-11-07N 046-13-04E on [REDACTED] A tank platoon was deployed 2.4 nm west of Mehran at 33-06-55N 046-07-34E when seen on imagery of [REDACTED] The tank company and artillery battery were not imaged on [REDACTED]

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